GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF GODOWNS IN KATIHAR BIHAR
NIKHIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has acquired 23 acres of land in Katihar city, Bihar;

(b) if so, whether in view of increasing demand of storage capacity, the Government propose to construct a godown on the acquired land; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Due to low utilisation of existing storage capacity of 11,000 MTs, and lack of infrastructural facilities, the Katihar Centre was dropped from the Perspective Plan. It has been decided that in cases where land has been acquired by Food Corporation of India (FCI) but construction of godowns has not been considered operationally viable, such land could betransferred/sold to Central Warehousing Corporation so that they could consider construction of godowns and if need be, FCI could also utilise requisite capacity of Central Warehousing Corporation.